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* 92 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Madras State Education Conference held recently at Madurai that the results of the pilot project of introducing Tamil as medium of instruction in Colleges should be carefully reviewed before it is extended to other colleges and to other subjects; and

(*b*) if so, the decision taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have taken decisions already after careful consideration of the matter in all its aspects. The views expressed in the Resolution have, however, been noted.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the Hon. Finance Minister has given any assurance to this Conference that he would abide by the decision of this Conference? If so, will the Government reconsider the matter and act according to the Resolution?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They have said that this should be carefully reviewed. That will have to be carefully reviewed. I also agree.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for Industries is present now. So we may now take up question No. 84 which we passed over.

*Labour disputes*

* 84 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to refer all the labour disputes either in the public sector or in private sector to arbitration compulsorily; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

*National Highways*

* 93 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to take over the National Highways within the limits of the Madras City from the control of the Corporation of Madras?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir. The State Government have, however, addressed the Government of India to include the National Highway road links within Madras City in the list of such road links within the municipal limits in Madras State for the development and maintenance of which the Government of India will be accepting financial liability.